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In re Application of Group Art Unit: Edmond Daniel Roussel et al. Serial No.: 09/331,554 Filed: August 23, 1999 Title: ABSORBABLE COMPOSITION CONTAINING PROPIONIC BACTERIA CAPABLE OF RELEASING NITRIC OXIDE IN THE HUMAN OR ANIMAL Examiner: V. Afremova **ALIMENTARY CANAL** 

## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2000, having a period for response set to expire on October 26, 2000, which has been extended to expire on November 26, 2000 by the enclosed Petition For Extension Of Time, Applicants submit the following amendment:

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, before line 1, insert **⊁**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION Field of the Invention. 1. On page 1, before line 10, insert **∕**2-2. Description of the Related Art. On page 2, before line 16, insert SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION →

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS **WASHINGTON, DC 20231** 

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[ ]	Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statem	ıent
	previously submitted.	

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR/1 

> Respectfully ,súbmitted,

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